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MEMBERSHIP AFFIDAVIT

I, \_\_\_\_\_, certify and represent that:

1. I am a member in good standing of the Bar of the State of \_\_\_\_\_ (principal jurisdiction of practice).
2. I am a Regular, Sustaining, Leaders Forum, President's Club or Life member in good standing of the American Association for Justice (AAJ).
3. To the extent that I am engaged in personal injury work, the overwhelming percentage of that practice is on behalf of plaintiffs.
4. I have not in the past, do not at present, nor contemplate in the future the representation of a defendant in any category in litigation involving Tap Water Bums nor (with respect to any litigation subject matter) any manufacturer, distributor, supplier, etc., of water heaters.
5. I understand that one of the principal purposes of this Litigation Group is to permit and encourage its participants to share fully and candidly information which may be helpful to actual or prospective clients of other attorneys, and I pledge myself to do that.
6. I understand that the information which I share or receive may relate to strategic matters which should not be disclosed outside the confines of the Litigation Group, to the extent that it would compromise the interests of any actual or prospective plaintiffs with personal injury or other claims, or which might serve the strategic interest of defendants in this area of litigation. I realize that this, of course, does not preclude my compliance with proper discovery requests or orders of the court. However, I fully appreciate the vital need to maintain the confidentiality of information which is of a strategic nature, and I, therefore, commit myself not to volunteer or otherwise share such information with others. To the extent that I am associated with other attorneys, either in my firm or otherwise, representing a plaintiff in a particular case where disclosure of such information would be reasonably necessary, I represent that I will make those persons aware of this pledge of confidentiality in advance, and will secure their commitment to do the same.
7. I understand that I am expected, on a reasonable basis, to share with my colleagues in the Group legal papers, briefs, articles, reports, or other writings. To the extent that any of this information is strategic in nature, I am aware that every effort will be made to maintain the security of such material pursuant to arrangements with which I will be familiar in advance. Naturally, I must reserve the right to appropriately redact or withhold the supply of any documents which would identify the actual names of any client who has instructed me. With respect to other information, I understand that the material may be supplied to the AAJ Exchange, where it will be accessible for the common benefit of AAJ members, on a fee-for-services basis.
8. I further understand that to the extent that the collective knowledge of the members of this Litigation Group may be helpful to the Association at large, the group may be called upon to participate or sponsor continuing legal education programs under the auspices of AAJ in accordance with prevailing AAJ CLE guidelines. In short, I realize that the purpose of the Litigation Group is the candid exchange of information is not really confidential or of strategic benefit or detriment to those who do or may have claims, every effort should be made to educate the members of the Trial Bar with respect to this subject matter.
9. I understand that there will be a dues obligation to the Litigation Group, initially projected at \$250 on a yearly basis, but subject to reasonably necessary increases from time to time.
10. I understand that my initial and continued membership in this Litigation Group is contingent upon the payment of dues, membership in AAJ, membership in good standing of the Bar, and my ongoing commitment to the principles and representations made above on which I fully appreciate that my colleagues are strictly relying.
11. I am presently involved in the representation of a client who has a pending or prospective claim in the following manufacturer:  
\_\_\_\_\_.
12. I understand that I am not entitled as a matter of right to be a member of this Litigation Group, nor do I have any obligation to join, and that I will be entitled to remain in the group at this meeting or at any subsequent meeting only to the extent that I fully comply with the above written representations and subject to the prevailing rules, regulations, and guidelines for AAJ Litigation Groups in general and the Tap Water Burn Litigation Group in particular.
13. By joining this Litigation Group and providing my contact information, including email address, I consent and give permission for AAJ to add me to the corresponding AAJ Litigation Group list server to receive emails from AAJ members and AAJ on the list server.

I HEREBY AFFIRM AND ACKNOWLEDGE ACCEPTANCE OF THE FOREGOING:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature



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Check is enclosed

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